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BUSINESS NOTICES

## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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### THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/7 5/8.

To-day's opening rate 2/7 5/8.

### CHINA'S FINANCIAL POSITION SOUND.

CAPABLE OF SOLVING HER OWN TROUBLES.

LONDON, Nov. 25.

Addressing Chinese students in London, Mr. Chao Hsin Chu, Chinese charge d'affaires, drew a parallel between China and Ireland. He declared that stability would ultimately be established in both cases and urged the students to make English friends, realise that China was philosophically and spiritually civilised, and contradict rumours that China was incapable of solving her own troubles without outside interference. He declared that the financial position was sound and still better than that of many European countries. Economic equilibrium was firm. China did not entertain any extravagant hopes about the Washington Conference which she entered in a very friendly spirit to all. She really desired a good form of international co-operation aiming at the open door and facilitating economic and commercial development without prejudicing her territorial integrity and political independence.

### CHINESE LANGUAGE.

LONDON, November 25.

Mr. Lo Chong, the Chinese Consul-General, in an address at the Lyceum Club, dealing with differences between the North and South China said that history showed that North and South always settled down after a time and he hoped the present conflict would eventually be settled also. He did not think efforts to simplify the Chinese language would succeed. Whatever might be the merits of new systems they would have the effect of depriving the Chinese of the advantage of reading their ancient books and studying their literature.

### FRANCE'S DISARMAMENT FEARS.

LORD CURZON'S SPEECH.

BRITISH PRESS OPINION DIVIDED.

LONDON, November 25.

British Press opinion on the references to France in Lord Curzon's speech is divided. One section, while understanding France's fear of Germany, points out her ability to rely on the assistance and fellowship of the nations in case of an attack and emphasises that if France however chooses a policy of isolation she will expose herself to terrible dangers from her old antagonist. On the other hand papers particularly tinged with Francophile sentiments declare the speech unfortunate and are disposed to criticise the inconsistency of British policy and to defend France's attitude in the Middle East. They declare that Lord Curzon backed the wrong horse.

### FRENCH PAPERS HURT.

PARIS, November 25.

The papers surprised and hurt at the tone and tenor of the speech which is regarded as representing the official British views. The *Figaro* and *Journal* are among others to protest France's friendship for England. They earnestly hope allied relations will not be disturbed by misunderstandings and suggest that while Anglo-French agreement in every direction is humanly impossible, union may be reconstituted on the principle that each approach problems firmly determined to find a common solution.

### BRIAND'S QUERY.

NEW YORK, November 25.

M. Briand, sailing for home, was questioned regarding Lord Curzon's speech. The Premier merely asked what interest have friends and allies to argue with one another when they are holding a conference with the object of securing the peace of the world.

### NEW IRISH CRISIS.

CRAIG'S CONFERENCE WITH PREMIER.

BEIRFAST DEATH ROLL.

LONDON, November 25.

The Irish negotiations are again critical. Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier, had an hour's conference with Mr. Lloyd George this morning. He returns to-night to Belfast where the death roll now is 24 to take charge of the situation.

### JAPAN'S THRONE.

PRINCE APPOINTED REGENT.

TOKYO, November 25.

The Crown Prince has been appointed Regent.

### HONGKONG THEATRE.

The romantic French-Canadian woods, made famous by Frank Mayo in "The Brute Breaker," furnish the locale for "The Magnificent Brute," the big Universal action drama which will be seen at the Hongkong Theatre to-day. "The Magnificent Brute" is Lucien

Hubbard's screen version of the story by Malcolm Stuart Boylan. As the story opens the star is seen as Victor Raoul, a fur buyer, who lives in the wilderness while his partner in the business attends to the marketing of the pelts in the town. Only once a year does he leave his beloved place to go into the city. On one occasion he meets Yvonne, the pretty daughter of his partner, who has just returned from Paris with the

### EXTRA-TERRITORIAL RIGHTS IN CHINA.

WASHINGTON COMMITTEE AGREES IN PRINCIPLE TO ABOLITION.

WASHINGTON, November 25.

Discussion of the Far Eastern question shifted to-day to the possibility of securing modification of the system of extra-territorial rights in China. The Chinese delegates desire eventual abolition of extra-territorial privileges although they recognised that immediate change might be inadvisable.

WASHINGTON, November 25.

The Chinese delegates presented a detailed statement to the executive session of the Far Eastern committee as regards extra-territorial rights which was described by the other delegates as quite reasonable. The committee subsequently agreed in principle to the abolition of extra-territorial rights and appointed a sub-committee under the chairmanship of Senator Lodge to examine the matter.

### OLD AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN STATES.

COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE.

PORTO ROSA, November 25.

A conference which has been sitting here for a month under Italy's auspices to regulate various questions affecting the states formed from the old Austro-Hungarian Empire closed with the signature of eighteen protocols, conventions and resolutions by the states concerned relating to postal, telegraphic and railway traffic between them and to other matters.

### COTTON SPINNING INDUSTRY.

MILLS REGULATE THEIR OWN HOURS.

LONDON, November 25.

A Ballot of members of the federation of master cotton spinners failed to secure the necessary 80 per cent majority in favour of running mills working American cotton 24 instead of 48 hours a week. Therefore each mill will continue to regulate its own hours.

### MOPLAH DEATH MYSTERY.

ASPHYXIATION QUERIED.

LONDON, November 25.

The Government of Madras reports that investigations up to the present cast a doubt on the alleged cause of the death of the Moplah reported asphyxiated in a train. The man was in an ordinary luggage van. The surgeon-general has been instructed fully to investigate.

### BRITISH PHARMACOPOEIA.

TRANSLATION INTO CHINESE.

LONDON, November 25.

The British general medical council has given permission for the translation of the whole of the Pharmacopoeia into Chinese.

### NAVAL DISARMAMENT.

AMERICANS WANT TREATY.

WASHINGTON, November 25.

At least a portion of the American delegation to the armament conference strongly holds that any agreement on naval armaments should be put in the form of a treaty and not left in diplomatic status as an understanding.

### AMERICAN EXPORTS TO CHINA.

\$125,000,000 INCREASE SINCE 1914.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.

American exports to China during the last twelve months were valued at nearly \$150,000,000 compared with \$25,000,000 before the war.

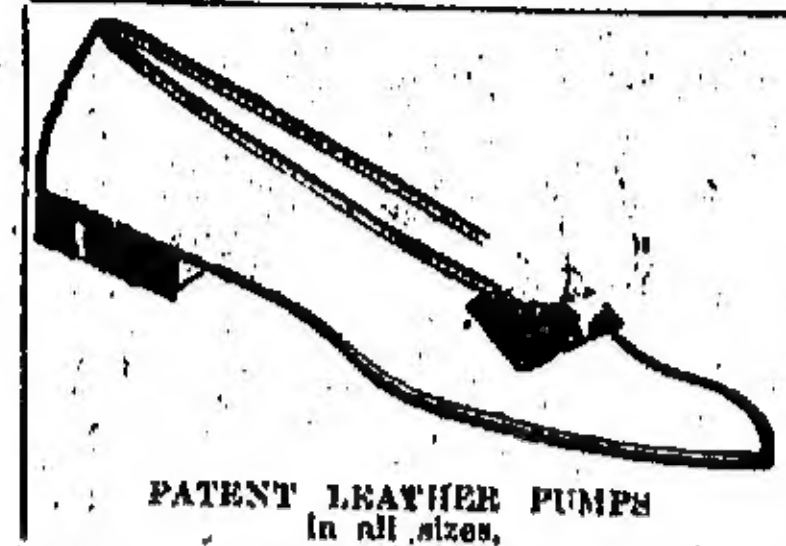
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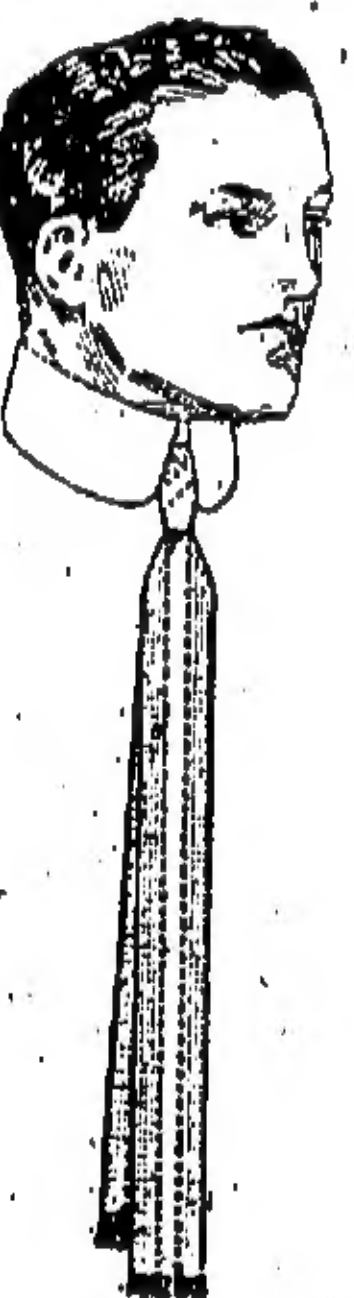
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## MARRIAGE.

CONRAD-MACARTHUR.—On Nov. 20th at Canton, Alexander Cornelius Conrad to Elsie MacArthur of San Francisco.

## The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, NOV. 20, 1921.

## ADVERSARIA.

It helps to prove what I'm always saying about the human conceit. I really was ill, and it was some mitigation to dwell on how awfully I'd been missed. I haven't got to return thanks this week for the numerous anxious enquiries, by telephone, chit, and post, because they didn't come in. Only one thing came—this poem following—and even that misrepresents me as a Moral Policeman and a Frustrator of Finance, which I ain't. However, "Keith West" took the trouble to write it and send it in, so you ought to have it. Here it is: "To Adversarius Sick."

The Satcastic Bloke had gone to bed With a pain in his back and a cold in his head, And his enemies thought him as good as dead— (Sing ye joyful Allelujahs to the Saints of the Exchange.) The hucksters gathered round, that would sell a man a pup (That sit them down to blood and brains when'er they wish to sup, And the sweat of working women fills their golden loving-cup— Oh, sing ye Allelujahs to the Saints of the Exchange!) They gave a most religious look and winked a wicked eye— "I'm very sorry that he's ill, but he quite deserved to die!"

The patient sat up straight in bed and heaved an awful sigh (The Saints are blindly cursing on Exchange)... And he said: "I'd hate to leave you, if my going brings you peace And leaves quite undefended the fools you aim to fleece I cannot leave the Colony without its Moral Police You talk of dying, d— you; I'll try living for a change!"

The Saints have hung their golden harps upon their hooks once more, And their halos, slightly premature, are hung behind the door, For they know he'll blast their high finance as he's always done before.

Bending Orceus to the crupper, 'spite the Saints of the Exchange!

Our family, the Adversarius, is a very WANTED, ancient one. I am writing a history of it, and the concluding volume will be my autobiography, the history of me, Hilario Parchemin Adversarius, although I am a younger son. Meanwhile, I shall be grateful for notes from readers who may come across references to my ancestors in their historical readings. Our actual family records do not go further back than the Orio (or Cedric) Adversarius who died of miscarriage of justice on Carlisle Wall in 1787. That was a sad case, Cedric (or Orio) being hanged and quartered before the judge discovered that the parties he had robbed and killed were Scots. His son Chilperic, in his journal repeatedly names him "Orio," but the genealogical table gives him as Cedric. It doesn't really matter, perhaps, but I like to have all my data tight, and grudge no pains to get it so. For instance, I would like to know whether it was the then head of the family, or Captain Hilario Adversarius (he who had the affair with

Henrietta Maria, the French King's sister) who was with Cromwell when he went into parliament. The regular histories do not mention his name, but he is the man who, when Cromwell said "Take away that bauble," took it away. The bauble is not, so far as I can ascertain, still in the possession of any branch of our family, so he probably parted with it. Family pride is not an obnoxious conceit, and to show that I am not merely boasting I will mention a tradition existing in our family, of course not authenticated, which suggests how really ancient it is. We were there before the Conqueror came, and refused to know him when he did. We did not think his Duchess was a real lady, and we did not like William's own manners. The tradition is, then, that the lady Eve had a love-child by the Tempter, and that this infant, a lusty and exceedingly beautiful male, was the founder of our line. There is, of course, no proof of this. I give it for what it is, a family tradition. Those who believe in heredity may trace a certain influence, a measure of guilefulness that handicaps me even to-day, just as it handicapped Gregory Adversarius, the cadet who sailed with Capt. James Cook on his third voyage, but was recalled by wireless to the bedside of his elder brother, and so missed the real excitement of that voyage. It was his son (St. Gilbert Adversarius), who was present when the first Duke of Wellington remarked that the Battle of Waterloo was won by the sum of the country on the playing fields of Eton, and told him straight what he thought of him. "You may be a Duke," he said, "but you are no gentleman." Wellington hadn't a word to say in reply. It is suggested by some historians, on what grounds I fail to see, that the Duke had not heard the remark. Anyway, he had no excuse to offer, and (like the *Daily Press*) he offered none.

I don't suppose my Hongkong readers, being mostly common folk of the lower orders, understand much heraldry, but for the sake of the *China Mail* subscribers in the House of Lords and elsewhere I must mention our family arms. It is worth noting that, as titles and appended initials are to-day, so emblazoned shields in those old days were designed to be "recognized in the press." The Adversarius Arms are gules with a fesse and three blind mice or impaled dexter and a tumbler couchant sinister azure with supporters two workhouses rampant and the motto "J'ai soif toujours." Our crest was a cocktail.

A fair illustration of the ASSAULT family guilefulness mentioned earlier is to be found in Sir Steven Adversarius (1372) a knight who won his spurs from La Tour-Landry at dice. The loser did not want them any more, as he was going to be a monk in order to get away from his Lady who scolded him in company. "This," he told my ancestor, "she shall have for her eulle and gret language, that she was wont to scie to me, therfor ye wiff ought to suffere and lete her husbonde have the wordes, and to be maister, for that is her worshippe, even though for a generashoun ye little Padre have omitted from ye marriage service ye wordes obey; for it is shame to here striff betwene hem, and in especial before folke." Whereupon Stephen tossed him for his horse, and won that too. Having afterwards a quarrel with a crusader called De Molipongs, they got up a list—not a subscription list, but the kind you read about in "Ivanhoe," in which knights wearing half a ton of armour plate overladen their horses and barged at each other with long spears. The Duchess of the dual master of ceremonies (who performed a function like that discharged by Mr. Logan in the modern trial by combat) observed that Sir Stephen was a comely knight, and gave him a bit of ribbon to wear for luck. The Duke also was affable, and wished him a swift death, for De Molipongs was twice his weight, had a longer reach, and a faster horse, more like a racer than the brewery-draw creature my ancestor owned. Anon the trumpet sounded, the flag fell, the starting gate rose, and they were off. Stephen's lance hit De Molipongs shield, and broke off short, leaving him with about seven feet of broomstick. Luckily, having thoughtfully ducked at the moment, his opponent's spear missed. They returned to the starting flag, for the rules were best out of three, and no change of weapon allowed. Things looked pretty bad for Stephen, but he kept his wits at work. In the second chucker he used his broken spear like a polo mallet, and slipping down one side of the saddle as they met, he swiped De Molipongs' horse across the legs. Horse and rider came down like a Hongkong brick building after the rains. Stephen, leaping lightly from his horse (as well as half a ton of armour plate would allow) rushed to his recumbent enemy, and put his foot on his back. (There was no need, however, for the coo-de-grass. De

Molipongs' neck was broken, and his bullying career for ever at an end. He was a good knight as knights went, full of fantastic courtesies towards men and women of his own or higher rank (and some of them were very rank)—but exercising his admitted right to treat all below that rank with ample scorn and cruelty.

I was born three reigns ago, last century, when Queen Victoria had yet many years left. My paternal grandfather, who died of drink, used to complain that but for defective drainage the dear Prince (he meant her consort, Albert) would have been spared to us! I remember him, walking in the grounds at home, and being quite excited and worked up about it. Every time he reached the end of the grounds, where the wheelbarrow stood, he used to kick the wheelbarrow. He was a choleric old gentleman. He was found dead, with his horse standing over him, smelling strongly of drink. I mean my grandfather, not the horse. My father was shocked in a total abstinence, which naturally accounts for my thirst. But my elder brother, the present Head of our House, is quite respectable. He never exceeds except on Saturday nights, and always votes right at all elections. He makes me a fair allowance, but not enough, so that I have to work, which is rather a comedown for one of the Adversariuses. So far as the history of the last four generations goes, I need not trouble my readers for help; we have a wealth of material, extracts from which I may print in this column from time to time, but as I said before, I would be grateful for any references or allusions, letters or documents, relating to ancestors farther back. I contemplate bringing out the Work in eight octavo volumes, exclusive of my autobiography, which will take nine additional volumes, and be sold separately if desired. The price for the complete set of seventeen volumes cannot, owing to the present disturbed state of the printing trade, be definitely stated in advance, but subscribers remitting to me sums of not less than \$30 will assuredly have their orders booked, in strict rotation.

After announcing NORTHCLIFFE, that "no such message was sent to *The Times*," and offering to prove it, Lord Northcliffe now says it was sent, but it wasn't his opinions; it was a quotation of Dr. Wu's opinions. When I think that in the first flight of successful journalists, as the world esteems success, I am to number Lord Northcliffe and Mr. Bottomley, I have to lay down my pen and resist the temptation to write more about that.

Surely there need be no further argument about continuing the use of the King's Park rifle range as a rifle range? After what has happened, after far less than has happened, and after the "regulars" have themselves abandoned it as dangerous to the public, it would be the craziest criminality for the auxiliary riflemen to carry on there. Is there some talk of this? Clap all the volunteer officers in the lunatic asylum until they recover their senses.

I am very sorry to see ANGELS, that *Truth*, a journal for which I have some admiration, had on Oct. 12 a jeering article about the "news" item which the *Daily Press* reproduced on Tuesday of this week. I mean the story of how an angel came to the Rev. Mr. Elliott and his wife, and personally conducted them through Brighton to a doctor who advised them that the angel was right in saying that a certain operation would prove fatal. It was rather funny that a Rector should require an angel's word to be confirmed by a human medical man, but the Rector's want of faith was no worse than *Truth's* scepticism. *Truth* does not seem to think it possible that an angel, "bright and shining in appearance, dressed in white, and wearing sandals," could walk with a paragon from Brighton railway station to the hotel. That is scepticism run mad. I have known an angel walk much further than that. The angel I saw on Mount Parker last year flew, after talking to me, so that I cannot testify to any angelic walking prowess in Hongkong; but in England one summer I walked for eleven miles with an angel.

Even in Hongkong I have seen an angel walking down the staircase of the Hotel, where, as everybody knows, there are comfortable lifts. I cannot understand people not believing in angels. The thing that puzzles me is that the Rev. Mr. Elliott says his was a male angel. How could he tell? They all dress alike, and the males don't have mustaches or beards or whiskers. I must confess the Rector has me puzzled there.

Submitted by a un- NONSENSE iverly student as RHYMES. "nonsense rhymes." I protest that the following are not pure nonsense. They contain good sense.

Why riches wheels go round and round  
Why seven dollars don't buy a pound  
Why time that's lost is never found  
Or what it is that bounders bound  
I really cannot say.  
But I, with diligence truth expound  
And now present this argument sound  
As from a professor well capped and gown'd  
There's nothing in Hongkong more renowned

Than Adversaria.  
The Yellow Dragon for November quotes Goldsmith's translation of the XV century Virgilian hexameters of Marcus Hieronymus Vida, describing the moves in chess. The last number of the *Times Literary Supplement* gives what appears to be a superior rendering by Richard Stanton Lambert. Those interested may compare the passages describing the Queen's powers, as follows:

Vida—  
At regina furens animis pars optima belli  
In frontem, in terga, ac dextram, laevamque movetur,  
Iteq; iter obliquum, sed semper tramite recto  
Procedit; neque enim curvato insurgere saltu  
Compedum de more licet. Non terminus ulli,  
Nec cursus meta ulla datur, quocumque libido  
Impulerit, licet ire, modo ne ex ordine quisquam  
Hostilive suave aditus occulat eunti.

Goldsmith—  
But the fierce Queen, whom dangers ne'er dismay,  
The strength and terror of the bloody day,  
In a straight line spreads her destruction wide  
To left or right, before, behind, aside.  
Yet may she never with a circling course  
Sweep to the battle like the fretful Horse;  
But unconfined may at her pleasure stray,  
If neither friend nor foe block up the way;

Mr. Lambert—  
But the fairest flower of war, the Queen with warrior heart,  
May rush to the front, to the rear, to the flank, or suddenly dart  
Slantwise into the fray; so long as she faithfully keeps  
To the straight line tries to attack by crooked circular leaps.  
As in the way of a Knight. Her course is never confined  
By limit of aim or length. For whithersoever her mind  
Urges, there may she go, so long as the path is free,  
Nor blocked by one of her subjects or by an enemy.

No, mind ye, that I'm waiting to find fault with the Gatepost's baime for the sake of finding fault, and I'd be the first to admit that "Baucalire" for the French writer would verily likely be a printer's slip, that any proofreader could overlook, but shairly a paper that has a "Librarian" writing regularly for, and enough literary gumphin to guess that the initials "A.B.W." in *The Times* "probably veil the identity of Mr. A. B. Wakeley," forby that should be Wakeley, might be expectit to refrain five several times, in a thirty line piece about that great short storyist O. Henry, including the big letter headline and a, to "O' Henry," as if he were a Mick. "Lovers of O' Henry," if the *Telegraph* will take me word for't, are no ower weel pleased to see their idol's pen name so sairly mishandled.

"Paterfamilias" asks me if I know of a piece suitable for recitation at a party by his little girl. I do not, but rather than have the wee maid disappointed, I've grabbed a pencil and made one for her. It is entitled "As through a glass darkly," and it goes like this:

A butterfly went flitting where a Public House affre  
Lighted up the evening sky and made it look lots higher.  
And the Vicar coming home that way said "Deary, deary me  
It is not often I see flames before I've had my tea."  
The good man walked up closer and put his pinck-nex on  
And saw a hoghead rolling out and then a demijohn.  
The firebrag was busy and lacked the time to pry  
Into the cause of twinkles now in the clerical eye.  
But I'm sure if I had had the time, and of course a corkscrew too,  
I'd have shown the firemen what was a flame, the vicar what was true.  
For the butterfly had shown me as it flittered through the smoke  
That a public house, that catobes fire in the proper place to seek  
It isn't for the firemen or any passer-by

To laugh at wasting liquor in a land that may go dry.  
The hoghead burst against the pump, the demijohn it broke  
And the vicar clapped his gloves and laughed at a strictly private joke.  
I've passed the place off, since and seen  
The staves and shards on the edge of the green  
And the old sign swings on the blackened wall  
Of the inn that once was my House of Call

But never, Sir, once, and I'd scorn to lie,  
Have I seen that vicar meander by. It is said in the village—how true, can't say—  
That his missus suspected and took him away.  
Which goes to show, as I've often said,  
That without a drink you're as well in bed.  
And the man who'd refuse good beer or wine.  
Has got no claim to be friend o' mine.  
What, Sir? Another? Fore we tackle the hill?

I know a gent at sight, Sir, and thanks! I will.  
A representative of the *China Mail* had INTERVIEW, a brief conversation with Sherlock Holmes last night on the steps of the Hongkong Hotel. The great detective was looking well; his attenuated form was enveloped in the well-known ulster, and he still wore the deerstalker cap which his assured position enables him to wear without being mistaken for Keir Hardie. While standing there, Mr. Holmes noticed Lord Northcliffe talking to a *Daily Press* reporter. "I like to see that," remarked the Master of Inference. "I gather, from the fact that you are interviewing me, instead of him, that your editor, annoyed with Northcliffe's recent behaviour, ordered you to ignore him this time. It is true he did not play the game when he allowed his false denial of the Canton telegram to convey the impression that Hongkong newspapermen are purveyors of false news, and I deduce, therefore, that the *Daily Press* is setting you an example of Christian meekness, turning the other cheek, forgiving enemies, and so forth." Our representative begged Mr. Holmes for a more typical exhibition of his powers, and he graciously agreed. "I see that this Lordship has just returned from Macao, where he lost no money at fantan, and that he is rather backed with the idea of being entertained by the Singapore Governor, and not at all unwilling that the Hongkong Governor should know it." "Wonderful," said our representative. "Now tell us please, how it was done." Mr. Holmes laughed. "Ah, no," he said, "that's Watson's job. Ask him."

Someone has sent me a cutting, title SERVANTS BE OF paper not mentioned, but I guess from typographical indications 'twas cut from the *Observer*. It deals with recent attacks on Civil Servants at Home, and hints that but for the habit and tradition of reticence they could answer effectively. Sample retort suggested: "England is reeking with proud and self-sufficient business income etc." There's a lot in that.

In the much-talked-of novel "Main Street," occur these words: "There's one at a tack you can make on it [entrenched prejudice and smugness], perhaps the only kind that accomplishes much anywhere. You can keep on looking at one thing after another in your home and church and bank, and ask why it is, and who first laid down the law that it had to be that way. If enough of us do this impolitely enough, then we'll become civilized in merely 20,000 years or so, instead of having to wait the 200,000 years that my cynical anthropologist friends allow." The Uplifter who is very popular with wealthy patrons can be pretty sure that he has softened his philosophy to please them.

I thoroughly agree with the protest that a IMPROPRIETY correspondent had in Thursday's *China Mail*, about certain forms of humour in the "Social Swin" notes. Like the protestant, I am not squeamish where the thing is done in a certain way. It is difficult to explain, but there is a proper sort of impropriety, which appeals to quite nice people, and a clumsy, unrefined kind which must simply disgust them. As an example, I am quite sure the writer of the letter will enjoy, as I do, this story from a recently published book. Even in plain English it could pass:

An elderly Frenchman, Comte Joseph de Noailles, was a friend of Lady Dufferin, and once he forgot his clock at her house. The old gentleman wrote a note to Lady Dufferin, signed Joseph de Noailles, in which he asked that the clock might be sent back by bearer. He got his clock and with it the message:—"Monsieur, lorsqu'on a le malheur de s'appeler Joseph, on ne laisse pas son mantau au-dessous de la porte."

I am reading just now PHILOLOGY'S Putnam. We also have an UNSAFE "Truth about China GUIDE," and Japan." I hope the main body of the work will deserve the title better than does some of the preamble. Talking of China 32 centuries ago, the author pictures the people clustered in the area Kansu-Shensi-Honan, and goes on: "That their route eastwards—towards thesea—was barred by forests may be assumed. It is interesting to record that their pictorial character for 'east' is a sun shining through trees, whilst the word 'obstruction' is compounded by placing the self-same tree in a doorway." The character for "obstruction" is certainly not evidence to support the assumption of dense forests between the primeval Chinese and the sea. He does not say it is, but the suggestion is there. Such "evidence" is too much like the origin that I invented for the author's pen name. When he was a youth (my fable says) he was talking to a Scotsman, who said: "Laddie, ye have the grand ideas. When ye start writing books, ye'll be puttin' 'em weel."

Volunteer officers resigned but retaining rank may wear their uniforms on suitable occasions, says Winston Churchill.

Yesterday afternoon the jury agreed that the ginger merchant, Yuen Lu, was not guilty of uttering a forged bank note.

The China Merchant S.N. Coy's new steamer "Hsin Wah" (1355 tons) arrived to-day under the command of Captain A. P. Sangster. She brought 1,600 tons of cargo.

A few of the 8,000 toys which have just arrived from Europe for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's 38th annual bazaar on December 4, are on view in Messrs Komor and Komor's windows and at the Star Ferry wharf, Hongkong. In addition to the usual raffie stalls there will be a toy bazaar.

The sum of £360.15.2 has been sent to Sir Arthur Pearson as a Christmas gift to the blinded Sailors and Soldiers at St. Dunstan's. This is the total result of the recent Bridge Tournament and appeal organised by Mrs. E. J. Grant Smith and Mrs. Roberts.

A concert will be given in the Theatre Royal on Thursday, December 8, at 9.15 p.m., by Dr. Daniel Onderwijzer, the Amsterdam Royal Dutch Opera baritone, assisted by Mrs. Aubrey Bows Smith (soprano) and Mr. Harry Ore (piano). The programme will include English, French, Italian and Dutch songs, also selections from well-known operas.

The "Elephants" of H. M. S. "Colombo" gave their second concert at the Theatre Royal last night. Again the audience was discouraging; but those who did attend spent an enjoyable evening. Perhaps the most popular item on the programme was Kay with his (her?) "Beauty" chorus. An extra turn was a fairy dance by Kay which was enthusiastically applauded. He had to give an encore turn before the audience was satisfied. Mr. Glanville and Mr. Collier sang well, while the comic part was in the able hands of Hunting and Brewer. The sketch "The Impositors," staged by "Lightning" Jones, was also well received.

INQUIRIES made at the offices of the B. A. T. Coy. this morning disclosed that there was no truth in the report that another European had been captured by bandits up the North River, but a Chinese employee, it was ascertained, is being held for ransom. It appears that on November 16 a B.A.T. party was going up the river near Taiwan when they were held up by robbers who demanded a sum of money. They were given \$100 odd which was all the money the party had with them, but being still dissatisfied, they took away a Chinese employee and said they would hold him for ransom. It is expected that the release of the captured man will be secured without much difficulty.

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**TO-DAY'S  
ADVERTISEMENTS.**

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Action No. 213 of 1921.

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Wilkinson and Grist  
Plaintiffs  
and  
Walter Ford and Company and  
Fung Sek alias Fung Yan Sam partner  
therein.

Defendants

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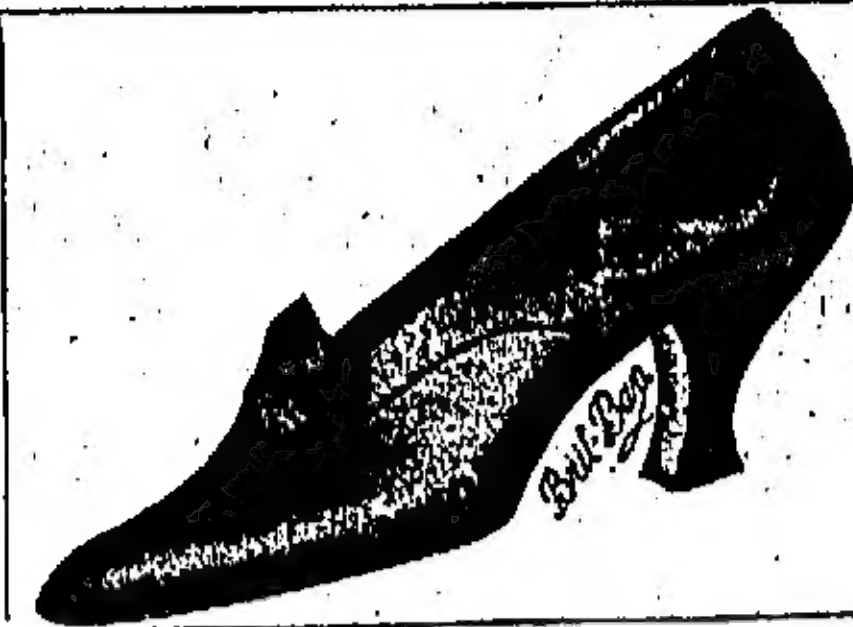
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SUCCESSFUL RALLY AT SIR  
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Although Lord Northcliffe couldn't wait for it, the rally of Overseas Club members at Sir Paul Chater's house yesterday was a great success. There are 250 members of the Hongkong branch, according to the Hon. Sec., Mr. Breakpear, and there were more than that present. Sir Paul did them very well, the Hongkong Hotel catering.

Amongst those who accepted invitations to be present were:—His Excellency the Governor and Lady Stubbs, Sir William and Lady Rees Davies, Lord Acheson, Sir William and Lady Brunyate, Commodore and Mrs. Bowden Smith, the Bishop of Victoria, Lady Kirkpatrick and the Misses Kirkpatrick, Sir Eric and Lady Stuart Taylor, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn and Mrs. Severn, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax and Mrs. Hallifax, the Hon. Mr. McL. Messer, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gompertz and Mr. H. Gompertz, Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung and the Misses Ho Tung, Miss Stubbs, Miss Stanley Smith, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Dodwell, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock and Mrs. Pollock, the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins, and Mrs. Perkins, Mr. Ho Fook, Colonel Davy, Dr. and Mrs. Black, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Shenton, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Major Tomlinson, Mrs. and Miss Edkins, Colonel and Mrs. Wyndham, Major and Mrs. Timmis, Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Orpen Sanders, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. G. Grimble, Surg.-Capt. and Mrs. Dalton, Colonel, Mrs. and Miss Deacombe, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mrs. Lang, Lieut. Colonel and Mrs. Crosse, Dr. and Mrs. Forsyth, Mr. and Miss Denison, Professor and Mrs. Earle, Dr. T. W. Pearce, Mr. T. W. Hill, Dr. and Mrs. Miss Harston, Surg.-Commander and Mrs. Sanders, Professor and Mrs. Digby, Professor W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hughes, Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Professor and Mrs. Vickers, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Plummer, Professor D. C. H. Florence, Dr. and Mrs. Fenton, Professor and Mrs. G. T. Byrne, Brig.-General E. B. Macnaghten, the Rev. J. T. Holman, Professor and Mrs. Middleton Smith, and many others.

Mr. Abney, Mr. H. G. Aniss, Mr. Eric Rice and Miss Stobart contributed musical entertainment. The speeches follow:—  
The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., said:—Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen; while it gives me the very greatest pleasure to welcome you here to-day I must apologise for the very untidy state in which you find my house. Men have been at work here since the beginning of October and it is very difficult to say when they will leave me. I should, of course, have been better pleased to have received you at a house free from such inconveniences but this meeting could not be conveniently postponed. It was originally arranged in the hope that Lord Northcliffe, the President of the Overseas Club and, I believe, one of its founders, would be present to address you. Unfortunately the exigencies of his arrangements have prevented him from doing so but his sympathies are with us and he has left a message which, later, will be put before you. Although a member of several clubs in London, I am proud to be a member of the Overseas Club—a Club whose usefulness to all dwellers overseas, in Dominions and Colonies, cannot be over-estimated. If I might do so, I would urge upon all here, who are not already members, to join forthwith. I will now introduce to you Mr. Breakpear, our local secretary, who has a message from Lord Northcliffe and who will be pleased to give you any further information about the Club. (Applause.)

Mr. O. T. Breakpear hon. corresponding Secretary of the Overseas Club said he saw Lord Northcliffe that morning on board the "Nyassa." After expressing his very great regret that he could not be present Lord Northcliffe handed him a letter to Sir Paul Chater whom he described (very truly Mr. Breakpear thought) as a "brick."

Mr. Breakpear then read the following message from Lord Northcliffe:

LORD NORTHCLIFFE'S MESSAGE.  
"I much regret that owing to a long accepted invitation to visit the Governor of Singapore at the end of this month, I am unable to be present at the Overseas gathering to-day."

In my opinion there was never greater need for the organisation of British people throughout the Far East than there is at this moment. Events in the near future will make it necessary for all English-speaking people in the Far East to combine. Unity is strength, and if we are dealt with separately and one by one by any hostile Power the labours of generations of Britons who have worked in the Far East will go for naught. The Overseas Club has played a very effective part in organising the British section of the English-speaking peoples in China. I am hoping to induce the Club to send out another travelling organiser to reinvigorate the Overseas and Patriotic League with which I am very proud to have been connected since their inception. It seems to me that special steps should be taken to deal with communities which, by their very nature, are not so permanent as those, for example, in New Zealand, where populations are stationary. I am presenting a report to the Club on my return which I hope will have beneficial results in the near future. Meanwhile let me wish all success to the Hongkong Branch.—NORTHCLIFFE.

Continuing Mr. Breakpear remarked that he was somewhat in the position of a music hall manager who had lost his "star turn." Now that Lord Northcliffe was out of hearing he did not mind confessing that the possibility of his Lordship's presence was regarded in the light of a happy coincidence. The organisers of the gathering knew they were out of things very fine and, at the last moment, owing to the desires of shippers to catch any cargoes offering in these days, the scale was turned against them and the departure of the boat could not be delayed as they had hoped to arrange. The idea of this garden party originated with Mr. Rice, who had recently come from home and who had some experience of the great organisation controlled by the Overseas Club in London. Mr. Rice was anxious that something should be done to stimulate the local branch and the garden party was arranged. He would like to pay a tribute to the enthusiasm and energy Mr. Rice had shown in arranging all the details and to the openhanded generosity of Sir Paul Chater that made such gathering possible. (Applause.)

Without going into minute details with regard to the Overseas Club, Mr. Breakpear promised to send any who were interested some pamphlets which would convey all the information required. He deprecated the attitude summed up in the question, "What do I get out of it?" As to that, he thought even the most commercially-minded person must agree that an afternoon spent so pleasantly, with a delightful house and grounds placed at their disposal and most hospitable entertainment, was all that the most exacting member of the Overseas Club could require. (Laughter and applause.) But seriously, the Overseas Club was a non-party society for British residents in all parts of the world. In the most out of the way places one was sure to find some representative of the Club. Its underlying motive was to promote unity among British subjects and to draw them together in the bonds of comradeship. The first object it presented to its members was to help one another and he hoped this gathering would do something towards that end. One must remember that one could not always measure the value of a good word by the amount of dividend it paid in hard cash. (Applause.)

H.E. the Governor, who was received with applause, said: Sir Paul Chater, ladies and gentlemen, it is not my desire to give you any further information with regard to the Overseas Club, as Mr. Breakpear

# CHURCH NOTICES.

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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

HONGKONG 27TH NOVEMBER, 1921.

ADVENT SUNDAY.

Holy Communion at 7.50 a.m.  
Matins at 11 a.m.  
Responses, Psalms, Venite, No. 7, Stainer; Psalm, 1, Wesley, 7, (No. 8); Te Deum, Jones Cambridge, Cambridge 12th Morning; Benedicite No. 4 Martin; Anthem, "Harkened unto Me," Sullivan; Hymns, 49.  
Holy Communion 12 noon.  
Litanies 12 noon.  
Evangelist 6 p.m.  
Responses, Psalms, 48, Turner, 48 Pymer; Magnificat, No. 7; Nunc Dimittis, No. 8, Lloyd; Hymns, 60 & 13.

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OPPOSITE ROYAL NAVAL  
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Sunday, 27th, November.

Divine Service and Church Parade 10.15 a.m. Subject:—"The One Foundation but not the One Roof." Evening Service, 8.15 p.m. Subject:—"Reason and Conscience, their strength and weakness." Pre-chor: Rev. C. Clouston Forri, B.C.F. Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Arsenal Street. Sunday, 8.15 p.m. Chaplain's Meeting and Social Tour. Speaker, Mr. Foulds, Solicitor, Mr. Granville. Wednesday, 8.15 p.m. Wesley Guild. Ladies' Evening. Friday, 3 p.m. Ladies' Working Party and Tea. Saturday, 8.15 p.m. Popular Concert.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.

(Trans-pass the doors).

Advent Sunday.

8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
11 a.m. Sun's Eucharist.  
Introit & M. 49 Gradual. A. & M. 53.  
Oratory, A. & M. 51 Communion. A. & M. 282 Post-Communion A. & M. 288 Pre-chor Rev. C. B. P. H. 6.00 p.m. Organ and Vocal Recital preceded by shortened Evensong. Hymns A. & M. 49, 52, 166.

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has given you a great deal and put you in the way of obtaining the rest. If anybody will call upon or write to Mr. Breakpear they will get some most interesting literature, including a charming magazine called "Overseas," which is one of the benefits which you derive from becoming members of the Overseas Club, as I trust you will do this afternoon. I mentioned this platform as probably the oldest member of the Overseas Club here to express the keen appreciation of members of the Club of Sir Paul Chater's kindness in placing these grounds at our disposal. The object of the Club is a good one and we are indebted to Sir Paul Chater for his assistance in enabling us to carry it out. I can only again urge that any one of you who does not happen to be a member of the Club will remedy that defect as soon as possible. (Applause.)  
Sir Paul Chater in acknowledgment said: I have to thank His Excellency for the honour he has conferred upon me in being here. I am sure it is very kind of him to do so and we all heartily appreciate his kindness and the interest that he takes in the Overseas Club. (Applause.)

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CORRESPONDENCE.

CANADIAN PROTEST TO CANTON.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—I am the person referred to in your editorial last night re Canton Government and the Kwongtung Tramway Company as the Visitor. I can assure you that I have not at any time made a statement or even given a hint to the Hongkong Daily Press as to the subject matter of that editorial. Bar your Adversarian I have not the honor of acquaintance with any Hongkong journalists, and I have not publicly disclosed any documents concerning the controversy between the Canton Government and the Tramway Company. Neither had I anything to do with publication of your news item in connection therewith. But now that the threat against our company is made public in the European and Chinese press of the Colony it becomes an unwelcome duty to give publicity to the protests which I have personally addressed to the acting authorities of Canton. The letter to Dr. Wu Ting-fang was registered at Hongkong nine months ago, and the letter to General Chan Kwing-ming was delivered by hand at the Civil Governor's Office in Canton. Neither letter has so far been officially acknowledged. I enclose copies of same herewith for publication. In these letters I think you will find sufficiently plain charges, such as are demanded in your editorial. Now then for the fair play.

T. R. E. MACINNES.  
Hongkong November 26, 1921.

October 29, 1921.

His Excellency  
Chan Kwing Ming  
Civil Governor of Kwongtung Province  
Canton—China.

Your Excellency:—  
As the only foreign director of the Kwongtung Tramway Company I beg to address you in connection with the demand made through your office that the company be wound up as a Hongkong-China Company, and that it be reorganized and registered as a Chinese company at your office in Canton, under threat, in case of the company refusing to do so of having its tramway concession cancelled.

Last summer, while in Vancouver, I received a notice from the secretary of the company, informing me that such a demand had been made last March. In view of the situation thus created, and the interests threatened, I arranged to return to China as soon as possible. I arrived at Hongkong on the 17th inst. On the following day, from your office, a second written demand upon the company, referring to the first, and stating that if we did not comply within twenty days our concession would be cancelled by you without further notice, caused us to summon an immediate meeting of directors. The meeting took place on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at the head office of the company in Hongkong. At that meeting I moved a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, pointing out that we cannot be justly asked to comply with such a demand, and that to do so would be unfair to our shareholders who invested their money because of the constitution of the company and the concession which had been granted to it by the Canton Government. That resolution is the basis of the company's reply to the demand made through you.

But I desire to submit personally, and in my own right, for Your Excellency's consideration, the reasons why the demand should be reconsidered and withdrawn. Permit me first to recall the circumstances under which the tramway was promoted and the concession for it granted.

At Shanghai in 1916 I had the privilege of several interviews with Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and he it was who suggested to me the possibility of obtaining a concession to take down the old walls of Canton and construct a tramway in the place of them. Following Dr. Sun's suggestion I went to Canton in January, 1917, and submitted a proposal for a tramway, and other municipal improvements, to the then Civil Governor, Chu Ching-lan. My proposal was favorably received, and the terms of a concession were agreed to, but, owing to political changes in Canton during 1917 and 1918, the project was temporarily abandoned. In 1919, however, it was successfully revived, and the tramway concession was granted to Messrs. Wu Tse-pun, Sam Kee and myself (T. R. E. MacInnes). Immediately afterwards the Kwongtung Tramway Company Limited was incorporated as a Hongkong-China Company, and Wu Tse-pun, Sam Kee and myself, as syndicate holding the concession, transferred it to the company. This we did with the formal written consent of the Canton Government. The consideration for the tramway concession was to be a payment of one million dollars

Hongkong Currency. This payment was made by the company to the Canton Municipal Council as follows:  
Aug. 12th 1919. HK \$ 100,000  
Nov. 6th, " " 10,000  
Dec. 3rd, " " 30,000  
Jan. 17th 1920. " 60,000  
Feb. 10th, " " 100,000  
Feb. 15th, " " 100,000  
Mar. 16th, " " 400,000  
Mar. 23rd, " " 100,000  
Apr. 24th, " " 40,000  
Apr. 30th, " " 60,000  
Total.....HK \$1,000,000

In addition to the above payment the company has, at the request of the Canton Municipal Council, made loans to it at various times as follows:  
June 22nd 1920 in Canton silver currency.....\$100,000  
July 22nd 1920 in Canton silver currency.....100,000  
August 31st 1920 in Canton silver currency.....30,000  
January 28th 1921 in Canton silver currency.....170,000  
February 5th 1921 in Canton silver currency.....20,000  
Total.....\$420,000

None of these loans have yet been repaid to the company, nor has any interest been paid on them. Interest overdue to date amounts to over \$40,000.

Yet, Your Excellency, in spite of the company faithfully observing its agreement to pay one million dollars for the tramway concession, and in spite of the Canton Authorities continually applying to the company for loans of money to carry out municipal improvements, and receiving same as above detailed, and in spite of the improvements which, to the admiration of all, are making a clean, prosperous city of Canton, and which directly resulted from the promotion of the tramway, and the consequent construction of the maloes—in spite of all this a member of the Kwongtung Provincial Assembly, one Wong Pei-chuen, is so ignorant, so unjust, and so dishonest, as to move a resolution in the Assembly to the following effect, according to the translation given me:

"The Assembly maintains that the agreement with the tramway company is truly impairing the power of and disgracing the nation. The public dislike the said tramway company, whose agreement impaired our power, and disgraced our nation, therefore this Government should consider public opinion and annul the said agreement. After debate this resolution was passed by a majority. We, therefore, present the said resolution, requesting Your Excellency the Civil Governor to act accordingly to annul the agreement with the said tramway company."

Well, Your Excellency, if the advice of this Wong Pei-chuen and his followers be taken and acted upon when every responsible financial journal in the United States and the British Empire will know of it, and the financial world will cry shame and contempt upon the dishonesty of the Canton Government.

The Canton Government wishes to be considered the model government at present functioning in China, and is appealing for recognition to foreign powers. But such action as proposed by Wong Pei-chuen and his followers in the Assembly would put the Canton Government in the Bolshevik class, with which no financial foreign group could safely or honorably have any dealings. For I can assure Your Excellency that the story of the promotion of the Canton tramway is now known to the financial groups of the United States and Canada, and the tramway is taken as a symbol of the new Canton spirit, and of the great commercial and industrial development which may take place soon throughout South China. The success and fair treatment of the Kwongtung Tramway Company will be pointed to as proof of the good opportunities for investment of capital in new, and hitherto untapped projects in South China. For instance, I have had representatives of capital ask me if I thought it would be possible to obtain a concession to build an automobile road from Canton into Yunan-fu taking tolls at regular stations from all vehicles, but not from foot passengers. But international credit is a delicate flower. It will droop and wither under any suspicion of bad faith. What then would be thought abroad of a government which would be guilty of breaking its contract and dishonoring its solemnly entered into obligations, as now proposed by Wong Pei-chuen and his followers?

The Cantonese merchants have a reputation in foreign countries for always keeping their contracts and promises in commercial matters. With the great political march onward which the Cantonese have now begun it need not be long before the same confidence may be felt by foreign governments and financiers in the political honor of the Canton Government as is now felt in the commercial honor of the Cantonese merchants. Then the day of recognition by foreign governments, as well as

by foreign capitalists, will be very near. In saying this I am not doing so without authority: I am repeating what was recently said to me by a friend of Mr. Lamont, the American financier who visited Peking last year in connection with the Bankers' Consortium. This friend will arrive here before the new year, with a purpose of investigating opportunities for investment. American capitalists now stand ready to invest on fair terms in all kinds of construction work in South China, especially in making roads, dredging rivers and harbors, and opening mines. But if the Canton Government is to be swayed by men of such mind and disposition as shown by Wong Pei-chuen and his followers then there is small chance of any American financier lending or investing a dollar in South China.

Just one word more I would say regarding the attitude taken by Wong Pei-chuen. He seems to consider it a disgrace to the Cantonese that there should be any foreign interest or direction in the running of a tramway in Canton. He does not appear to realize that among civilized nations capital is international. It does not know race or country; it is concerned with efficiency and profit. The railways of the United States were at first largely built by British capital. But Americans did not feel disgraced, nor ride less easy, because of that. The greatest railway manager in the United States, Mr. James Hill, was taken over from Canada. The greatest railway manager in Canada, now Lord Shaugnessy, was taken over from the United States. It was money from Holland that went largely to the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Hongkong was not disgraced because Americans first promoted its tramway. No intelligent people nowadays will try to bar out foreign capital or foreign talent.

As to the other point the unfortunate accidents by which some citizens of Canton were killed by the company's omnibuses—well, that is an unavoidable incident of modern city life, and Canton can no more hope to escape from it than Shanghai or New York. If the company's buses were to be stopped for such a reason then all automobiles and auto-trucks should be stopped also, and the maloes might as well never have been built. Whenever the accident is the fault of the company then due compensation will be paid, as in other cities. However, Your Excellency, if the Canton Government is prepared to stand before the world for a policy so narrow and prejudiced that it will not have any foreign registered company help to develop a new era in South China, or have any part whatever in the provincial or municipal affairs thereof, then let it offer to pay back the \$1,000,000 which the tramway company paid to it for the tramway concession, and the \$420,000 which the company loaned to the city of Canton for municipal improvements, together with the fair value of our equipment in Canton and reasonable compensation for what we have done in this affair during the last two years, and I, for one, will advise the company to accept such offer, and Wong Pei-chuen and his followers may then have the opportunity to work out another tramway system for themselves.

In conclusion I wish to say to Your Excellency that for over twenty years I have had good relations with Cantonese in Canada, both as a lawyer, and occasionally as a special agent of the Government of Canada in adjusting difficulties arising in regard to Chinese and Chinese claims, such as the amount of damages paid to the Chinese who suffered during the anti Oriental riots in Vancouver in September, 1907. During these twenty years I have come to admire and respect the Chinese character, and so far as I was in position to do so, I studied the conditions and problems of China as a friend would do. Moreover my father, while a senator of Canada, and while Lt. Governor of British Columbia, did much kindness to the old settlers among the Chinese, for which he is still gratefully remembered by them. Because of that, and because of reasons already given, and because of what I have heard and read of your own character and career, I cannot bring myself to believe that Your Excellency will sanction the uncivilized and dishonest course of action with which Wong Pei-chuen and his followers now threaten our company. I must think that all the facts of the case have not been brought to Your Excellency's attention, and that in the stress of military operations in which you have recently been engaged you have not had time to perceive the real meaning of the action threatened against the company, nor to appreciate the interpretation which would be put thereon by the political and financial powers with whom it is most important that the Canton Government, for its own sake, should appear in the best possible light. I therefore ask Your Excellency to take this matter into careful reconsideration. For the con-

venience of Your Excellency I will have a translation of this letter made into Chinese, and will enclose same herewith.

Respectfully submitted  
T. R. E. MACINNES  
Director, Kwongtung Tramway Company Ltd.

Hongkong, 29th October, 1921.

His Excellency  
Dr. Wu Ting-fang  
Acting President and Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Canton Government, Canton—China.

Your Excellency,  
For your information I beg to enclose herewith copy of a letter of this date which I have addressed to His Excellency the Civil Governor, General Chan Kwing-ming.

The letter will speak for itself, and I know that in your case there is no need of having a translation made into Chinese. But I would tell Your Excellency that it was a profound shock to me when I was informed of the demand made upon the Kwongtung Tramway Company by the Civil Governor, and when I realized what was intended by the resolution against the company which was passed by the Provincial General Assembly. It was all so utterly at variance with the honorable tradition among the Chinese as to the sanctity of contracts that when I first heard of the demand in Vancouver last summer I could not believe that it was seriously meant. Since my return to China, and since reading the translation given me of the resolution passed by the Assembly at Canton, I perceive that not only is the demand seriously made, but that much more is intended than a forcible dissolution of our company and reorganization of it at Canton. The resolution passed by the Assembly says nothing of reorganizing the company, but boldly demands that the contract made by the Canton Government with the company be annulled. The Assembly plainly intends confiscation. The first obvious step in so doing is to remove any foreign protection and put the company at the mercy of the Canton Government.

Now, Your Excellency, as a man of the world, long and honorably connected with matters affecting international relations, and versed in international law, you know what a smashing blow this would be to the prestige and good faith of the Canton Government; and at what a critical period in its existence.

For years I have assured Americans and Canadians of the honesty and reliability of the Chinese in all matters affecting the fulfilment of contracts and obligations. And, as a direct result of recent representations made by me, there is a prominent American engineer and mining expert coming to Canton in December to investigate opportunities for investment in South China. He has strong financial connections, and is in position to make industrial investments and to recommend loans. But what can I now say to him as to the security of any such investment? If the threat against the tramway company be carried out I must contradict all I have hitherto said in regard to Chinese integrity. And that is why I say that this threat has come as a profound shock to me. I do not believe that the moral and political consequences have been foreseen. I do not believe that the Civil Governor has had the matter put to him in its true light. I do not believe that he would sanction any such dishonest and disgraceful action as is now being attempted by the General Assembly against the company through the medium of the Civil Governor's office. I therefore request that Your Excellency will take such action in the proper quarters as may cause this threat against the company to be reconsidered and withdrawn.

I trust that you remain in as good health as you were on the S. S. "Monteagle" when we travelled together from Shanghai to Japan in June, 1920, and I take this opportunity of assuring Your Excellency of my continued esteem and respect.

T. R. E. MACINNES,  
Director Kwongtung Tramway Company, Ltd.

FOOTBALL MATTERS.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—Referring to the letter of "Hon. Sec." in your last night's issue, the first thing that strikes me is that the irritation under correction is not confined to the players of the U.A.C., that is if the writer himself is not one of the players. If he is, by the tone of his letter, he, to a certain extent, gives himself away. A definite question is asked as to whether I saw the Sookimpo match, and I can positively say I did. I also saw the game v. South China "A," and I further maintain that the majority of the players of the

SPECIAL CABLE.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

SHANGHAI COUNCIL APPEALS TO FULL COURT.

(China Mail Special.)

SHANGHAI, Nov. 26.  
The Municipal Council is appealing to the Full Court against Magistrate King's recent decision dismissing a police summons against Charlesworth Rakusen. This is the Council's first appeal to the Full Court in connection with traffic regulations and affects motorists driving on roads outside the settlement. It is important in connection with the land laws applying to traffic regulations. The appeal will be heard on December 5.

KINEMA REALISM.

SPECTACULAR FILM AT THE CORONET.

Spectacular scenes of a burning ship and a sensational explosion at sea are presented with gripping realism in "Dead Men Tell No Tales," the thrilling story of crime and love, danger and death, courage and fear showing at the Coronet Theatre this evening. Based on the famous book by E. W. Hornung, this Vitaphone masterpiece powerful with mystery and suspense transposes to the screen all the vivid qualities, quick action, dramatic skill, and scenic charm which have made the novel so popular with millions of readers. The plot is enthralling. Having planned to steal a shipment of Australian gold at sea on the way to England a pirate gang under a Spanish leader descended from Spanish buccaners destroy the vessel with gunpowder and riddle the lifeboats. All must perish as dead men tell no tales. One man, however, escapes, and after untold suffering on a drifting raft is rescued by a passing ship. Matching his wits against the culprits he remorselessly hounds them down until they are all brought to justice. As a reward he wins the love of a brave girl. The ship explosion, the raft ordeal, the wild fight at Rattray Hall, the mysterious cave scenes, and the sinister shadowing incidents are all faithfully portrayed in this fascinating picture. Costing over \$500,000 and taking many months to make, "Dead Men Tell No Tales," offers a tremendous story and a stupendous film.

OUR GOVERNOR HONOURED.

JAPANESE ORDER CONFERRED.

The Japanese Consulate General is in receipt of the following information:—  
"In recognition of the valuable services rendered during the visit to Hongkong last Spring of H.H. the Crown Prince of Japan on his way to Great Britain, H.M. the Emperor of Japan has been pleased to confer upon H.E. Sir Reginald Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G., Governor of Hongkong, the First Class of the Order of the Rising Sun, the Insignia of which is expected to arrive shortly."

NO CLUE.

SLEEPING MAN MURDERED.

Removed by Sergeant Dick from the first floor of No. 34 Koshing Street, the remains of a Chinese, aged about 20 years, were yesterday taken to the public mortuary. The man was found dead in his cubicle with two stab wounds, one below the left shoulder and another on the left hip. The wounds could not have been self-inflicted, and it appears that the deceased was stabbed by someone while he was asleep. He apparently bled to death. There is no clue as to the identity of the man's murderer.

U. A. C. team have yet to learn to go through a game under adverse conditions in a sportsmanlike manner. In the second match I referred to, the teams were called together and warned by the Referee, and as far as the man who was ordered off is concerned, and the Referee's subsequent admission of making a mistake (as stated by "Hon. Sec.") it is extremely curious that the League Committee suspended him for 4 weeks.

Now it may interest "Hon. Sec." to know that I have had a long experience of football both at home and in Hongkong and know that of what I speak. Any comment that I may make in the best interest of the sport on the whole, and I would like him to understand that I am not to be drawn into any heated controversy.

Your contributor.

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SHIPBOARD FIGHT.

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Two Chinese were yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital from the s.s. "Laisang" suffering from knife wounds alleged to have been received in a stabbing affray on board. A Boarding House runner has been arrested on a charge of having inflicted the wounds. Details of the affair are not yet available.

LOADED REVOLVERS.

Yesterday afternoon Magistrate Lindell heard evidence in a roman case in which three Chinese were charged with having in their possession three loaded revolvers. The men were arrested during a raid on the servant's quarters of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in Stanley Street. Mr. Leo d'Almeida and Mr. A. E. Hall appeared to defend two of them. The other was not represented by a solicitor. All three pleaded not guilty.

After evidence had been given, Detective Inspector James Watt admitted that the case for the prosecution depended on the evidence of the informer, who was the sort of man who would come to the police and sell information for the sake of a few cents.

JAILER JAILED.

WARDER WHO ATE PRISONERS' CHOW.

In Indian Assistant Warden of the Victoria Jail was charged before Magistrate Lindell this morning with misdemeanour and refusing duty.

Chief Warden McLeod said that the defendant neglected duty at 5.55 a.m. He also ate prisoners' food. The defendant was taken before the Superintendent, Mr. Franks, who recommended that he be reduced from the rank of assistant warden to that of guard. When the decision was interpreted to the defendant, he took off his belt and threw it on the floor. He then unbuttoned his tunic, and refused any more duty.

Defendant: I have suffered injustice through the interpretation. Magistrate (to Mr. McLeod): You ask for imprisonment?—Yes. Four weeks.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received by the local American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory at 9 a.m. to-day: Typhoon is about 424 deg. Long E. 12 deg. Lat. N. moving W.











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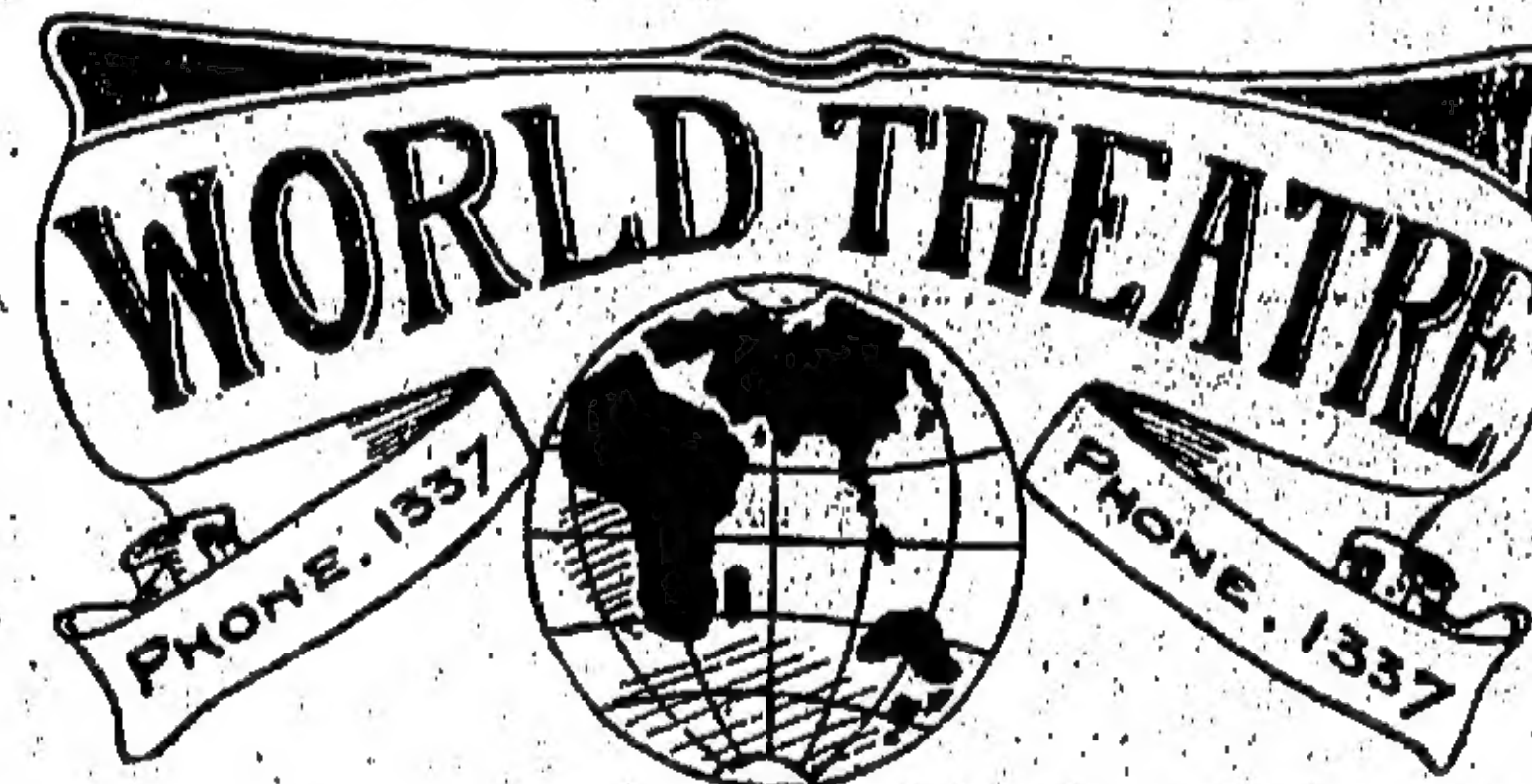
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